

abstract) with the substitute specification (pages 1-12) appended hereto at Tab 1*.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-8 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 9-17, appended hereto at Tab 3.

In the Abstract

Please delete the Abstract and replace the Abstract with the replacement Abstract appended hereto at Tab 4**.

REMARKS

A. Introduction

Applicants have amended the application to conform the specification and claims to United States patent prosecution practice and to select claimed embodiments for prosecution at this time. Also, applicants have made a clerical amendment of the Abstract.

* A "Marked Up Version of Substitute Specification Pursuant to 37 C.F.R § 1.12(b)(3)(iii)" is appended hereto at Tab 2.

** A "Marked Up Version of Replacement Abstract Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(2)(iii)" is appended hereto at Tab 5.